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**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III, Claims 5-6, drawn to a method for improving endurance or ameliorating fatigue, which comprises administering an effective dose of catechins, for examination.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.